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TOWN OFFICERS

(Elected biennially)

Moderator

Geo. C. Jewell

Supervisors of Check List

Paul W. Goodsoe

James W. Rollins

Charles J. Brewster

(Elected annually)

Town Clerk

Charles N. Lane

Selectmen

Geo. M. Hall

Fred L. Jewell

Charles H. Chase

Treasurer

Geo. L. Barker

Collector of Taxes

James E. Stockbridge

Auditors

W. Leslie Dining

Frank H. Barker

Board of Education

W. Leslie Dining

Albert C. Lane

Willard Barker

Library Trustees

Annie W. Scammon

Geo. L. Barker

Frank H. Pearson

Trustees of Trust Funds

Geo. W. Dixon

Charles E. Pickering

Frank H. Pearson

(Appointed)

Board of Health

Fred N. Edmunds

Police

Melvin D. Stickney

Selectmen's Report

Land and buildings.....	\$456,466.00
Horses, 172.....	18,450.00
Mules, 2.....	250.00
Oxen, 5.....	325.00
Cows, 525.....	33,007.00
Neat stock, 79.....	2,595.00
Sheep, 19.....	100.00
Hogs, 4.....	90.00
Hens.....	5,668.00
Vehicles, 4.....	1,250.00
Portable Mills, 3.....	600.00
Boats, 1.....	75.00
Money on hand.....	9,623.00
Wood.....	468.00
Stock in trade.....	3,500.00
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	\$532,467.00
Soldiers' exemption.....	5,000.00
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	\$527,467.00

Rate of taxation, \$2.25

District rate, \$1.11.

APPROPRIATIONS

County tax.....	\$1,161.88
State tax.....	1,470.00
Highway by law.....	1,318.66
Trunk line Maintenance.....	1,680.00
Stratham Hill Park.....	100.00
Overlay.....	263.75
Support of Schools.....	5,856.50
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	\$11,850.79

Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the 13th day of March next at Nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.
3. To choose one selectman for three years.
4. To see if town will vote to remove bushes from highway, raise and appropriate \$300.00 for same.
5. To see if town will vote to purchase a road machine, raise and appropriate money for same.
6. To see if town will vote to accept state aid for highway improvement, raise and appropriate money for same.
7. To bring in your ballots upon the question as to whether the amendment proposed by the convention to revise the constitution shall be approved.

8. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, the 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

GEORGE M. HALL,
FRED L. JEWELL,
CHARLES H. CHASE,

Selectmen of Stratham.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE M. HALL,
FRED L. JEWELL,
CHARLES H. CHASE,

Selectmen of Stratham.

Financial Report

Of the Town of Stratham in Rockingham County for the
Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1923

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

GEORGE M. HALL,
FRED L. JEWELL,
CHAS. H. CHASE,

Selectmen.

Date Feb. 21.

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash:

In hands of Treasurer (do not include sinking funds)	\$401.20
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Accounts due to the Town:

Due from State:

Joint Highway Accounts, Unexpended Balances in

State Treasury.....	399.96
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Due from County.....	184.50
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Taxes not collected:

Levy of 1922.....	1,549.40
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Total Assets.....	\$2,534.06
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Grand Total.....	\$2,534.06
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Net Debt—Surplus, January 31, 1922...	\$1,342.49
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Net Debt—Surplus, January 31, 1923...	719.92
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Liabilities

Accounts owed by the Town:

Due to School Districts:

(a) Dog licenses.....	\$82.75
(b)	618.50
(c) Littlefield Tax.....	62.33

State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:

(a) Unexpended balance in State Treasury....	399.50
(b) Unexpended bal. in Town Treasury.....	651.06

Total Liabilities.....	\$1,814.14
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus).....	719.92
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Grand Total.....	\$2,534.06
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UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION, RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1922	\$12,067.86
Less discounts and abatements, 1922.....	268.77
Less uncollected 1922..	1,549.40
Property taxes, current year, actually collected	\$10,249.69
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected at \$3.00.....	27.00
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, at \$5.00.....	1,375.00
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected.....	1,537.59

Total of above collections

\$13,189.28

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries.....	\$800.61
Town officers' expenses.....	153.50
Election and registration expenses...	79.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings.....	138.78

Protection of Persons and Property:..

Fire department, including forest fires	92.50
Damage by dogs.....	25.00

Health:

Health department, including hospitals	24.73
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Highways and Bridges:

State Aid maintenance.....	1,003.00
Trunk Line maintenance.....	2,900.00
Town maintenance.....	2,429.75
Libraries.....	217.68

Charities:

County poor.....	184.50
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Patriotic Purposes:

Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day exer- cises.....	3.60
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Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts.....	147.80
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, including hearse hire....	19.25
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses.....	\$8,219.70
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Receipts (Concluded)

From State:

For Highways:

For State Aid construction	231.93
Insurance tax	27.75
Railroad tax	180.76
Savings bank tax	581.06

From County:

For support of poor	211.00
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From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	107.75
Rent of town hall	40.50
Int. received on taxes . .	7.81
Permits for the registra- tion of motor vehicles	563.47

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$15,141.31
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Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$1,000.00
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Total Receipts from all Sources . . .	\$16,141.31
Cash on hand February 1, 1922	1,342.49

Grand Total	\$17,483.80
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Payments (Concluded)

Interest:

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.....	\$15.00
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Total Interest Payments.....	\$15.00
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Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.....	1,000.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Taxes paid to State.....	1,470.02
Taxes paid to County.....	1,161.88
Payments to School Districts.....	5,216.00

Total Payments for all Purposes...	\$17,082.60
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1923.....	401.20

Grand Total.....	\$17,483.80
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description and Value

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings.....	\$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment.....	1,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings.....	1,000.00
Furniture and Equipment.....	500.00
Parks, Commons, and Playgrounds....	3,000.00
Total.....	\$19,500.00

Budget of the Town of Stratham

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, Feb. 1, 1923, to Feb. 1, 1924, compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, Feb. 1, 1922 to Feb. 1, 1923.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous year, 1922	Estimated Revenue Ensuing year, 1923	Increase	Decrease
From State:				
Insurance Tax.....	\$27.75	\$27.75		
Railroad Tax.....	180.76	180.76		
Savings Bank Tax.....	581.06	581.06		
From Local Sources Except Taxes:				
All Licenses and Permits except Dog Licenses.....	563.47	563.47		
Rent of Town Hall and Other Build- ings.....	40.50	40.50		
Interest Received on Taxes and De- posits.....	7.81	10.00	2.19	
From Poll Taxes.....	1,400.00	1,400.00		
Revenue Applicable Only to New Con- struction and Improvements:				
From State:				
For State Aid Highway Construct'n	331.00	331.00		
Amount raised by issue of Bonds or Notes.....	1,000.00			1,000.00
Total Revenues from all Sources ex- cept Property Taxes.....	\$4,132.35	\$3,134.54		
Amount Raised by Property Taxes...	12,067.86	15,067.86		
Total Revenues.....	\$16,200.21	\$18,202.40	\$2.19	\$1,000.00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures Previous year, 1922	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing year, 1923	Increase	Decrease
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$800.61	\$800.61		
Town Officers' Expenses	153.50	153.50		
Election and Registration Ex- penses	79.00			\$79.00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	138.78	138.78		
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Fire Department	92.50	92.50		
Health:				
Health Department	24.73	24.73		
Highways and Bridges:				
State Aid Maintenance:				
Town's Contribution	1,003.00	1,003.00		
Trunk Line Maintenance:				
Town's Contribution	2,900.00	2,900.00		
Town Maintenance	2,429.75	2,429.75		
Education:				
Libraries	217.68	117.68		100.00
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and other Cele- brations	3.60	3.60		
Recreation:				
Parks and Playgrounds	147.80	47.80		100.00
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	19.25	19.25		
Interest:				
On Temporary Loans	15.00	60.00	45.00	
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:				
Highways and Bridges:				
State Aid Construction:				
State's Contribution	331.00	331.00		
Town's Contribution	700.00	700.00		
Indebtedness:				
Payment on Principal of Debt	1,000.00			
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:				
State Taxes	1,470.02	1,600.00	129.98	
County Taxes	1,161.88	1,200.00	38.12	
Payments to School Districts .	5,979.58	7,000.00	1,020.92	
Total Expenditures	\$18,667.68	\$18,622.20	\$1,234.02	\$279.00

Report of Trust Funds

Town of Stratham

For Fiscal Year Ending Jan. 31, 1923

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Date Jan. 31, 1923.

GEORGE W. DIXON,

FRANK H. PEARSON,

CHARLES E. PICKERING,

Trustees.

We have this day Feb. 2, 1923 examined the accounts of Trustees of the Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. L. DINING,

F. H. BARKER,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, ON JANUARY 31, 1923.

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS—Purpose of Creation	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
	Amanda H. Lane, Library Fund.....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	\$700.00	4¼	1.62	29.75	29.75	1.87
	Andrew Wiggan, care of Cemetery Lot.....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	100.00	4¼	1.15	4.25	4.00	1.19
	James W. Foss, care of Cemetery Lot.....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	75.00	4¼	1.43	3.19	3.15	2.06
	Sarah Downes, care of Cemetery Lot.....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	50.00	4¼	2.50	2.13	1.50	2.70
April 18, 1919	Frank P. Leavitt, care of Cemetery Lot...	Lib. Loan, 4th Issue	100.00	4¼	4.55	4.25	4.05	5.08
Oct. 30, 1920	Elizabeth Wood, care of Smith Cem'y Lot.	Lib. Loan, 4th Issue	150.00	4¼		6.38	5.85	
Jan. 14, 1922	John Scammon, care of lot in upper cemetery in which John Scammon and John J. Scammon are buried.....		100.00	4¼		4.25	3.00	1.25
	Difference between market value and par value of bonds purchased.....		25.00	4¼	2.12	1.06		3.18

Treasurer's Report

Receipts 1922-1923

Balance on hand	\$1,342.49
Stewart Everett Rowe, County Treasurer	211.00
Exeter Banking Co., note	1,000.00
Charles N. Lane, automobile permits	563.47
Charles N. Lane, Dog Tax	89.25
Charles J. Brewster, Janitor, Town Hall	16.50
Earle R. Stockbridge, rent, Winnicutt Club	24.00
James E. Stockbridge, Collector Taxes	13,522.84
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Total Receipts	\$16,769.55
Paid on Selectmen's orders	16,368.35
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Balance on Hand	\$401.20

We have this day examined the accounts of George L. Barker, Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance of Four Hundred and one dollars and twenty cents (\$401.20) on hand.

W. L. DINING,

F. H. BARKER,

Auditors.

Feb. 1st, 1923.

TOWN OF STRATHAM TO GEORGE M. HALL, Dr.

Mar.	18	Portsmouth Tax Commission.....	\$3.00
	20	Posting highway notice.....	1.50
		½ day.....	1.50
	25	In session.....	3.00
April		Revaluation.....	20.00
		Inspecting road.....	1.00
Apr. 15, 17, 18,		in session.....	9.00
		Making taxes.....	20.00
		Copying tax book.....	4.00
		Making returns railroad stock.....	2.50
		½ day, Stratham Hill Park.....	1.50
July	6	Locating gravel.....	1.50
Aug.	25	Inspecting road.....	1.50
		Copying invoice book.....	6.00
		Posting ledger.....	3.00
Oct.	13	Running Greenland line.....	1.50
		Reports on fires.....	1.00
Dec.	6	To Manchester Tax Com.....	3.00
Jan. 30, 31		In session.....	6.00
	10	Evening sessions.....	10.00
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			\$100.50

TOWN OF STRATHAM, ACCT. F. L. JEWELL, Dr.

Mar.	25	For day in session.....	\$3.00
April 3 to 9,		6 days revaluation.....	20.00
April 15, 17, 18,		3 days in session.....	9.00
June		To Stratham Hill Park.....	1.50
	22	To Pace's acct. gravel pit.....	1.50
	23	Pace's to locate gravel pit.....	1.50
Oct.	10	To running boundary line with Greenland..	2.00
Dec.	6	To expenses to Manchester to attend State Assessors' meeting.....	3.00
1923			
Jan.	30, 31	In session.....	6.00
		10 evening.....	10.00
		Postage, etc.....	.78
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			\$58.28

Stratham, N. H., Jan. 31, 1923.

TOWN OF STRATHAM TO CHAS. H. CHASE, Dr.

Mar. 18	To Portsmouth Tax Com.....	\$3.00
25	1 day in session.....	3.00
April 3, 7.	5 days taking inventory.....	17.00
April 15, 17,	3 days in session.....	9.00
	To Stratham Hill Park.....	1.50
July 6	Locating gravel pit.....	1.50
Oct. 13	Running Boundary Line.....	2.00
Dec. 6	Manchester Tax Com.....	3.00
	10 evening sessions.....	10.00
Jan. 30-31	2 days in session.....	6.00
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		\$56.00

REPORT OF CHAS. J. BREWSTER, SUPT. STATE HIGHWAY FOR
THE YEAR 1922

	Trunk Line	State Aid Maintenance	Snow Paths	Total
Chas. J. Brewster, team.....	\$411.87	\$149.00	\$85.00	\$645.87
Edward S. Cooper, team.....	167.25	59.25	32.00	258.50
John F. Ayer, team.....	96.50	39.00		135.50
Geo. R. Brewster, team.....	35.50	17.50		53.00
Geo. Chapman, team.....	48.00			48.00
Geo. Bowley, team.....	21.00			21.00
Fred Wentworth, team.....	50.75	36.00	41.00	124.75
Harry G. Brierley, team.....	15.00		6.00	21.00
Chas. E. Jewell, team.....	35.75	71.50		107.25
Eugene Carbonneau, team.....	15.00			15.00
Geo. C. Jewell, team.....	15.00			15.00
Jas. W. Rollins, team.....	12.00			12.00
Jas. E. Stockbridge, team.....		42.00		42.00
Alfred St. Denis, team.....		36.00		36.00
Chas. D. Pace, team.....	6.00	24.00		30.00
Stephen Beals, laborer.....	149.37	55.00	18.75	223.12
Geo. Cammett, laborer.....	116.25	53.75	17.50	187.50
Chas. Larrabee, laborer.....	79.37	31.25	3.75	114.37
Geo. Dearborn, laborer.....	25.62			25.62
Chas. Rumrill, laborer.....	12.50			12.50
Frank Wentworth, laborer.....	11.25			11.25

	Trunk Line	State Aid Maintenance	Snow Paths	Total
Everett Goodwin, laborer.....	18.75	17.50		36.25
Geo. Pace, laborer.....		7.50		7.50
D. C. Chapman, laborer.....	10.00			10.00
Herman Wiggin, laborer.....	10.00			10.00
Winthrop Saunders, laborer.....	3.75			3.75
Hugh Dotson, laborer.....	2.50			2.50
Rodney Fitzgerald, laborer.....	7.50			7.50
C. H. Beede, laborer.....	7.50			7.50
A. E. Jewell, laborer.....	1.25			1.25
C. W. Barker, laborer.....	1.25		5.62	6.87
Morrill Runnells, laborer.....			8.75	8.75
Earle Rumrill, laborer.....			8.75	8.75
Leonard Hill, laborer.....			17.50	17.50
Brown & Jewell, 2.....			33.00	33.00
Stratham Center Garage, oil and gasoline			68.69	68.69
W. A. McReel, use of tractor			51.00	51.00
Chas. Dow, laborer.....			17.28	17.28
Forest Wentworth, laborer.....			12.50	12.50
Stewart Spurr, laborer.....			7.50	7.50
Geo. M. Hall, laborer.....			3.10	3.10
Elmer Wiggin, laborer.....			2.50	2.50
Harold Cooper, laborer.....			2.50	2.50
William Holland, laborer.....			15.15	15.15
Herbert Lang, water for sprinkler..		2.00		2.00
Town of Exeter, use of sprinkler...		2.00		2.00
C. D. Pace, 150 loads gravel at 15 c per load.....	1.50	21.00		22.50
C. A. Pollard, 53 loads gravel at 15 c per load.....	7.95			7.95
Mrs. Mary Chase, 113 loads gravel at 15 c. per load.....	16.95			16.95
Geo. W. Dixon, 145 loads gravel at 15 c per load.....	21.75			21.75
Fannie A. Haven, locust posts....	13.00			13.00
Hilliard & Kimball, tools.....	16.00			16.00
C. N. Lane, spikes, lead and oil...	1.50	9.93		11.43
Exeter Lumber Co., lumber.....	71.51			71.51
J. W. Berry, use of plow.....		4.00		4.00
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	\$1,536.64	\$678.18	\$457.84	\$2,672.66

Amount deposited.....	\$2,900.00
Checks drawn.....	2,672.66
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Check book balance and Bank Balance.....	\$227.34

After auditing, 1922 check amounting to \$101.40 issued to Chas. J. Brewster, Supt. and paid out as follows for snow paths:

Chas. J. Brewster, team.....	\$32.00
Edward S. Cooper, team.....	30.50
H. G. Brierley, team.....	19.25
Chas. Rumrill, laborer.....	10.20
Geo. Cammett, laborer.....	4.20
Chas. Larrabee, laborer.....	5.25
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	\$101.40

We have this day Feb. 1st, 1923 examined the accounts of Charles J. Brewster, Road Agent and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance in his hands of two hundred and twenty seven dollars and thirty four cents (\$227.34).

W. L. DINING,
F. H. BARKER,

Auditors.

REPORT OF CHARLES E. JEWELL, ROAD AGENT

C. E. Jewell, team.....	\$402.95
John Ayer, team.....	12.00
Mike Butler, labor.....	17.50
Geo. R. Brewster, team.....	51.75
C. J. Brewster, team.....	9.00
C. H. Chase, team.....	12.00
Geo. Cammett, labor.....	5.00
E. W. Carborneau, team.....	37.50
Geo. Chapman, team.....	71.13
DeWitt Chapman, labor.....	83.75
Russell Chapman, labor.....	2.50
Rodney Fitzgerald, labor.....	6.25
H. E. Foote, team.....	9.63
M. E. Hopper & Son, team.....	162.99
Hilliard G. Kimball, shovels.....	5.00
Arthur H. Jewell, team.....	43.70
Fred L. Jewell, team.....	94.74

E. B. Jewell, team.....	53.00
Geo. C. Jewell, team.....	21.00
F. W. Jenness, team.....	12.00
Chas. Pace, gravel.....	9.45
M. A. Sanborn, gravel.....	7.60
William Stapledon, labor.....	17.60
William Wentworth, labor.....	61.25
Herman Wiggin, labor.....	13.13

\$1,222.32

Snow Paths after Auditing, Spring of 1922

Geo. R. Brewster.....	41.57
Albert Cottrell.....	5.44
E. W. Carboneau.....	10.62
J. J. Crafts.....	1.50
M. C. Hopper & Son.....	17.88
A. H. Jewell.....	17.62
F. L. Jewell.....	19.38
C. E. Jewell.....	54.18
F. W. Jenness.....	3.50
William Morse.....	6.38
Ralph Pace.....	4.50
James T. Roby.....	5.25
G. A. Thompson.....	16.50
William Wentworth.....	12.00
Perley Wells.....	97.50

\$313.82

Snow Paths for Winter of 1922-1923.

Charles E. Jewell.....	\$84.85
Arthur H. Jewell.....	65.75
Fred L. Jewell.....	163.28
William Wentworth.....	13.25,
Mike Butler.....	10.00
Thomas O'Brien.....	13.62
Geo. Chapman.....	39.88
Geo. R. Brewster.....	231.23
E. W. Carboneau.....	155.07

W. H. Lang.....	44.19
James W. Rollins.....	53.75
Chas. D. Pace.....	104.35
N. D. Tilton.....	9.06
Alfred St. Denis.....	27.56
Perley Wells.....	109.69
M. C. Hopper & Son.....	65.30
Geo. A. Dunton.....	16.74
H. E. Foote.....	11.88
H. M. Wiggin.....	6.10
James T. Roby.....	4.00
William Morse.....	4.00
DeWitt Chapman.....	6.56
Walter A. Scammon.....	189.77
R. E. Daughenbaugh.....	42.31
Geo. W. Dixon.....	1.25
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	\$1,473.44

Deposits

Mar. 11.....	\$153.12	Summer Roads....	\$1,222.32
31.....	100.00	Snow paths after	
April 18.....	250.00	auditing.....	313.82
May 18.....	400.00	Snow paths for	
Aug. 4.....	300.00	Winter of '22-'23	1,473.44
Sept. 8.....	300.00		
Nov. 10.....	50.00		
Jan. 12.....	300.00		
20.....	300.00		
31.....	1,000.00		
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Total.....	\$3,153.12	Total.....	\$3,009.58
	3,009.58		
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Balance.....	\$143.54		

Feb. 1, 1923.

We have this day examined the accounts of Road Agent Charles E. Jewell, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched with a balance in his hand of one-hundred forty-three dollars and fifty-four cents (\$143.54).

W. L. DINING,
F. H. BARKER,

Auditors.

TOWN HALL

Report of C. J. Brewster, Janitor Town Hall

Entertainments.....	\$20.00	
Dance.....	25.00	
Boys Club.....	24.00	
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		\$69.00

Expense

C. J. Brewster, Janitor.....	\$28.50	
Paid Treas. Barker.....	40.50	
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		\$69.00

We have examined the account of C. J. Brewster and find it correct.

GEO. M. HALL,
FRED L. JEWELL,
CHARLES H. CHASE,

Selectmen of Stratham.

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

1922			
Feb.	1	Balance from last year	\$65.49
June	13	Income from Amanda Lane Fund . .	27.67
Nov.	20	Income from Amanda Lane Fund . .	2.08
1923			
Jan.	31	Fines	\$9.63
		Supplies50
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			\$9.13 9.13
		Old Books and magazines sold	3.04
		Annual appropriation	36.00
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			\$143.41

Payments

1922			
Feb.	27	Charles E. Lauriatt Co.	\$14.26
Oct.	7	W. P. Goodman	33.57
Dec.	11	Charles E. Lauriatt Co.	20.92
1923			
Jan.	9	Frank H. Pearson	1.00
	31	Balance on hand	73.66
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			\$143.41

We have this day Feb. 1st, 1923 examined the accounts of Geo. L. Barker, Library Treasurer, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast and a balance on hand of seventy-three dollars and sixty-six cents (\$73.66).

W. L. DINING,
F. H. BARKER,

Auditors.

LIST OF NEW BOOKS

Breath of Scandal.....	Edwin Balmer
Granite and Clay.....	Sara W. Bassett
Northwest.....	Harold Bindloss
The Island Cure.....	Grace Blanchard
Miss Gibbie Gault.....	Kate L. Boshier
The Candy Cook Book.....	Alice Bradley
Old Crow.....	Alice Brown
The Prisoner.....	Alice Brown
The Grange Master and Grange Lecturer.....	Jennie Buell
Tad and His Father.....	F. Lauriston Bullard
Head of the House of Coombs.....	Frances H. Burnett
Robin.....	Frances H. Burnett
Rough-hewn.....	Dorothy Canfield
Old Times in the Colonies.....	Charles C. Coffin
Midnight.....	Roy O. Cohen
The Country Beyond.....	J. Oliver Curwood
Charles Rex.....	Ethel M. Dell
The Settling of the Sage.....	H. G. Evarts
Peregrine's Progress.....	Jeffery Farnol
The Everlasting Whisper.....	Jackson Gregory
Just Folks.....	Edgar Guest
The Tryst.....	Grace L. Hill
The Shadow of the East.....	E. M. Hull
This Freedom.....	A. S. M. Hutchinson
Cappy Ricks Retires.....	Peter B. Kyne
The Man with the Lamp.....	Janet Laing
Radio for Everybody.....	A. C. Lescarbours
Babbitt.....	Sinclair Lewis
Fair Harbor.....	Joseph C. Lincoln
The Tale of Triona.....	William J. Locke
The Ragged Edge.....	Harold McGrath
New Hampshire in History.....	Harold H. Metcalf
Rilla of Ingleside.....	L. M. Montgomery
Certain People of Importance.....	Kathleen Norris
Roads of Adventure.....	Ralph D. Paine
Carnac's Folly.....	Gilbert Parker
The Rest Hollow Mystery.....	Rebecca Porter
Foursquare.....	Grace Richmond

The Breaking Point.....	Mary Roberts Rinehart
The Bondwoman.....	Marah E. Ryan
Wild Animals at Home.....	Ernest T. Seton
Blinkers.....	Horace A. Vachell
The Cathedral.....	Hugh Walpole
Harvest.....	Mrs. Humphry Ward
Lady Connie.....	Mrs. Humphry Ward
The Rider of the Golden Bar.....	William White
Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm.....	Kate D. Wiggin
The Great Pearl Secret.....	C. N. and A. M. Williamson
Judith of the Godless Valley.....	Honore Willsie

Number of bound volumes added by purchase.....	43
Number of bound volumes added by gift.....	6
Number of magazines received.....	2
Total circulation for year.....	1,779
Number of new borrowers added during the year.....	28

MISS LILLIE F. ODELL,

Librarian.

School Report

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

Receipts

Balance in hand as per audit.		\$1,994.66
Received from Geo. L. Barker, Town		
Treasurer as follows;		
Per capita tax.	\$240.00	
Dog licenses.	96.50	
Littlefield Farm tax.	60.17	
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		\$396.67
Appropriations:		
High School Tuition.	\$2,000.00	
5% in equalized valuation.	3,005.00	
Repairs at Division No. 2.	40.00	
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		\$5,045.00
Received from State Treasurer:		
Equalization Fund.		\$597.15
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		\$8,033.48

Disbursements

Salaries District Officers:		
Mrs. Florence G. Brierley.	\$24.50	
Willard L. Barker.	3.50	
Albert C. Lane.	10.00	
W. Leslie Dining.	20.00	
F. H. Pearson.	30.00	
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		\$88.00
Excess salary, Superintendent.		\$150.00
School census.		7.95
Expenses of Administration.		23.26

Teachers' Salaries:

Miss Grace Pike, Div. I.....	\$836.00
Miss Dorothy Hardy, Div. II.....	684.00
Miss Muriel Cole, Div. III.....	648.00
Miss Rubie L. Dame, Div. IV.....	828.00
Mrs. Esther Coombs, music.....	100.00

 \$3,096.00

Text Books.....	52.08
Scholars supplies.....	62.46
Flags and appurtenances.....	27.15
Janitors.....	142.00
Fuel:	

Fred L. Jewell.....	\$130.00
Geo. W. Dixon.....	130.00

 \$260.00

Janitors supplies.....	22.16
Minor repairs.....	325.65
Medical Inspection.....	25.00

High School Tuition:

Tuck High School.....	\$1,214.00
Robinson Seminary.....	1,137.00
Portsmouth High School.....	140.00

 \$2,491.00

Alteration of old buildings.....	\$35.00
New Equipment.....	39.31
Per capita tax.....	240.00

Bills of last year:

Exeter School District.....	\$3.25
E. W. Holmes.....	57.00

 \$60.25

Balance on hand.....	886.21
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 \$8,033.48

Stratham, N. H., July 21, 1922.

I have this day examined the accounts of Treasurer Frank H. Pearson and find them correctly cast and properly vouched with a balance of \$886.21 on hand.

ANNIE W. SCAMMON,
Auditor.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

*To the School Board and Citizens of the School District of Stratham,
N. H.*

I take pleasure in submitting to you herewith my fourth annual report as superintendent of our schools.

The activities of teachers and superintendent during the school year which ended in June 1922 were mainly concerned with finding the weak spots in our work by means of standardized tests, and planning the best means of strengthening them. Reading, writing, spelling, and arithmetic were the subjects which received most attention. Sometimes the remedy was more or better drill, sometimes more frequent classes, sometimes a different type of text-book work. The tests were repeated at the end of the year and the results showed clear gains. The schools should be so efficient that the best talents of each pupil would receive complete development. We worked to that end throughout the year. The tables hereto appended will give statistical information which will be found to be of interest. The regularity of School Board meetings last year together with the businesslike procedure make for the good of the schools.

With the advent of the present year, in July, repairs were begun, viz, painting at the Stratham Hill School and work on lighting and heating at the Ridge School. The former work added greatly to the appearance of the schoolhouse, and from the standpoint of building care, was timely. The latter work results a well lighted building much better heated than formerly and, I believe, at less cost.

The district is to be congratulated on two policies adopted by the School Board, first, the employment of teachers trained in normal school or with similar qualifications, and second, a regular session each month of the School Board at the Town Hall, to which

all parents and citizens are invited to bring any matter with which they are concerned and at which the superintendent makes a monthly report.

We started this year with normal school trained and experienced teachers in each school. Miss Johnson's early sickness and withdrawal is a matter of regret. We have moved so far this year, in spite of much bad weather, toward the same end as last year, that is, helping each pupil, by as good teaching and supervision as we are capable of, to get all the school has for him. Only two pupils signified any desire in September of this year to take any sort of Junior High School work with the expectation of going to Robinson Seminary seventh grade at the beginning of the spring term. The work of Mrs. Coombs, our supervisor of music, deserves praise. All the schools show that it is greatly worth while and in one or two the progress of the pupils has been remarkable. With the coming of spring she will finish her lessons. Meanwhile the teachers are working with outlines as suggested. I hope the work can be extended next year.

At the request of the special committee appointed last March to survey the school situation and to consider consolidation, I have prepared and submitted some comparisons and estimates of maintenance cost of certain types of schools. I have also prepared and submitted a map of the town, showing roads and distances. As a result of these and other studies, I have come to this opinion about a consolidation of schools in Stratham: consolidation would undoubtedly bring greater efficiency of work for each teacher and pupil, it would eliminate a good deal of difficult travel to Exeter, the financial burden of maintenance of schools on the district would be practically no greater than now. While transportation in such weather as this winter brings us would be exceedingly bothersome, I believe that, year in and year out, it would be feasible. The cost of a new building or a remodelled building seems forbidding; in fact the committee may find that it is entirely beyond consideration, but in the interests of all school children of Stratham I bespeak your fullest consideration of the question in all phases.

With deep appreciation of the support given me by the School Board, teachers and community, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON A. TOWLE,

Superintendent of Supervisory Union, No. 16.

Exeter, N. H., Feb. 15, 1923.

TABLE I.

Attendance Table for School Year ending June 30, 1922.

SCHOOL	Weeks in Year		Total Pupils		Boys		Girls		Av. Daily Attendance	Av. Daily Absence	Av. Membership	Percent of Attendance	Number Cases Tardiness	Number Cases Dismissal	Number Visits of Superintendent	Number Visits of School Board	Number Visits Others
Ridge.....	36	22	10	12	18.03	1.51	19.54	92.27	35	21	16	2	67				
Stratham																	
Hill....	36	20	10	10	13	1	14.	93	22	8	18	1	14				
Winnicutt..	36	9	5	4	6.85	.62	7.47	91.7	7	0	16	2	57				
Plains.....	36	11	7	4	10.4	.4	10.8	96	55	40	18	2	51				
All Schools	36	62	32	30	48.28	3.53	51.81	93.24	119	69	68	7	189				

TABLE II.

Record of Perfect Attendance

<i>Three Terms</i>		
Barbrah Holmes	Harold Chase	Florence Chase
<i>Two Terms</i>		
Otis Cushman		Persis Dunton
Carl Dining		Sterling Dunton
Robert Fisk		Levi Barker
Louise Fisk		Harold Grant
	Norman Wiggin	
<i>One Term</i>		
Charles Clifford		Beulah McLane
Jeanette Clifford		Nelson Lane
Virginia Dolloff		Chester Barker
Georgianna Pearson		Paschal Jewell
Dorothy Fisk		Bernice O'Brien
Maurice LeRoy		Ruth Ryan
Faith Wentworth		Lillian Dowe

TABLE III.

Medical Inspection

	Dec. 1922
Number of pupils examined.....	53
Number card notices sent to parents.....	96
Number cases found of:—	
Malnutrition.....	22
Defective vision.....	5
Defective hearing.....	3
Skin disease.....	1
Defective teeth.....	32
Hypertrophied tonsils.....	14
Adenoids.....	2
Enlarged glands.....	4
Unvaccinated.....	13

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1922

Date	Name of Child	No.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Feb. 26	William Charles	1	Samuel L. Rand	Ida Belle White	Exeter, N. H.	Stratham
March 8	Alice Elizabeth	1	M. Ellsworth Fisk	Alice B. Tuttle	Raymond	Stratham
May 31	Richard Larkin	1	Willis Quimby	Gladys Fisk	East Rochester	Raymond
June 18	Forest Willis	2	John F. Holmes	Helen E. Rumrill	Greenland	Greenland
Sept. 10	Lester Albert	5	Eugene W. Carboneau	Laura E. Wentworth	Exeter, N. H.	Newfields, N. H.
Sept. 15	Richard Gordon	5	Walter A. Scammon	Elizabeth Hunt	Saco, Me.	Biddeford, Me.
Sept. 30	Joseph William	3	Joseph H. Fisk	Nellie M. Gervich	Raymond	Deerfield
Oct. 16	Freda Dzelda	8	Fred H. Wentworth	Rose E. Cote	Stratham	Norton Mills, Vt.

BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

Date	Name	Age			Place of Death
		Yr.	Mo.	Day	
March 31	Charles H. Dolloff	40	8	8	Holliston, Mass. M
May 21	Annie C. Jones	78	1	9	Wakefield, Mass. W
June 25	Mary K. Lane	80	11	14	Springfield, Mass.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1922.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	By whom Married
April	5 Stratham	Samuel L. Rand.	65	Exeter, N. H.	Benj. F. Rand. Sarah B. Smith.	Albert C. Lane, J. P. Stratham
		Ida Bell White.	29	Stratham.	Benjamin White. Jennie White.	
April	8 Stratham.	Chester A. Deal. Elizabeth M. Keaton.	29 21	Exeter, N. H. Franklin, N. H.	Bessie Deal. Olive Keaton.	Rev. J. Harry LeRoy Stratham
June	22 Stratham.	Dr. John F. Gile.	29	Hanover.	Kate Beaton. John M. Gile.	Rev. J. Harry LeRoy Stratham
		Nettie E. Edmunds.	34	Portsmouth.	Vesta Fowler. Fred N. Edmunds.	
Oct.	5 Stratham.	Carl Warren Barker. Florence Louise Odell.	22 28	Watertown, Mass. Stratham.	Jennie C. Bain. Willard Barker. Georgia E. Smith. George H. Odell. Lillie F. Perkins.	Rev. J. Harry LeRoy Stratham

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